

# Road Trip

Joe and his friends are getting ready to go to Crystal Lake.

To enjoy their vacation at the lake they need to get there safely. Help Joe and his friends have a safe trip by guiding them through a few tricky situations.

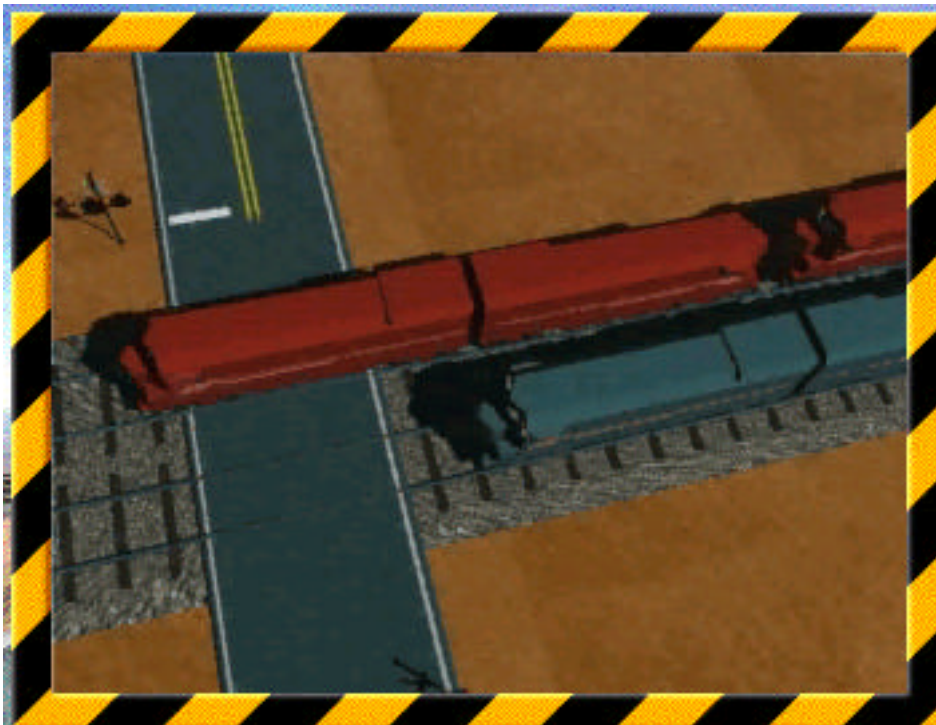




Joe has stopped at a rail-highway crossing with flashing warning lights. There is a train stopped on the tracks and it is not moving. Joe and his friends are in a hurry and Joe thinks the signal might be broken. Should Joe wait or go?



Hopefully you told Joe to wait. What Joe couldn't see was that another train was coming from behind the parked train. By the time Joe had seen the second train it would have been too late. More than 600 people are killed each year at rail-highway crossings. Always expect a train.





Joe has been trying to get around this truck for a while. The truck is slow and Joe knows it's a no passing zone but there is plenty of clear road ahead. Should Joe make a break for it and pass the truck?



It's a good thing Joe was patient because Joe didn't realize there was an intersection ahead and a motorcycle was waiting to turn towards Joe. Even when the road seems to be clear, no passing zones are there for a reason. Ignoring the warning signs and pavement markings in a no passing zone could result in a head on collision. Nearly 9000 people are killed each year in head on collisions. Don't cross the line.

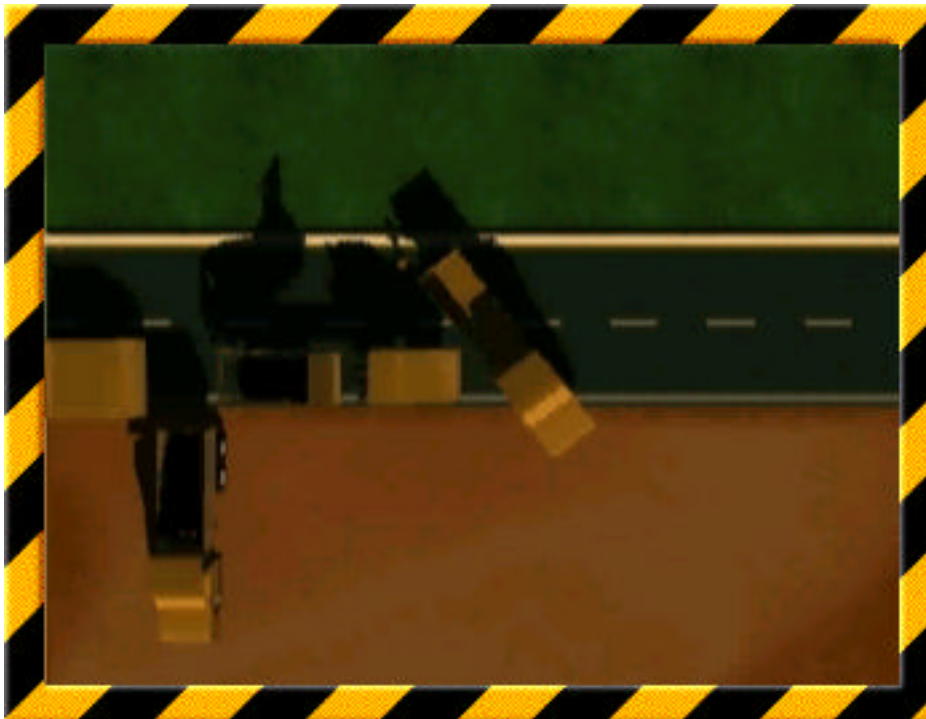




Joe sees a flagger in a work zone ahead. The work zone is going to slow Joe down and the road looks clear ahead. Joe thinks the flagger might just want them to be careful. Should Joe go through the work zone or wait?



It's a good thing Joe decided to wait. Never disregard traffic instructions in a work zone. He couldn't see everything in the work zone. It's not only Joe and his passengers who could get hurt in a work zone, it's also highway workers too. Joe couldn't see a highway worker was moving into the open lane to help a truck back up. Over 700 people are killed each year in work zones including nearly 100 highway workers are killed each year. In work zones expect the unexpected.





Joe sees the sign for his exit but traffic isn't moving. It's only a mile to his exit and they could use the shoulder to get to his exit. Should Joe stick it out in traffic or use the shoulder?





Joe made the right decision by waiting because Joe didn't know there was an accident ahead. If Joe had pulled onto the shoulder he could have blocked the ambulance from getting to accident victims. Using the shoulder to get around congestion is both illegal and very dangerous. Highway safety is all about making good decisions. Bad decisions result in nearly the 40,000 fatalities a year on national highways. Remember, highway safety is no accident.



Congratulations! You helped Joe and his friends  
make it to Crystal Lake safely!

